

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

August 2, 2016

Members Present: Stacey Stearns, Terry Wollen, , Nancy Rawn, Jennifer Kaufman (staff), Vicky Wetherall, Bryan Kielbania

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10
2. The minutes for the July 5th meeting were reviewed. Terry motioned they be accepted with changes and Vicky seconded.
3. New Business:
 - a. Jennifer shared that there will be a moratorium on applications related to multi-family housing. There will be a public hearing September 6th. (As a result, the Ag Comm meeting will be moved to Thursday, September 8th at 7pm.
 - b. Stacey reported on the Tolland County Farm Bureau Meeting- She met Gloria Coles, a landowner in Willington with adverse possession difficulties. She referred her to Jennifer.
 - c. Old Business:
 - a. Celebrate Mansfield- The committee went over the map to be used on the display board of Mansfield Farms and Farmers. An email was sent out asking each farm to provide an iconic picture of the farm and a picture of the farmers to be used on this board. Jennifer will provide factoids about farmland in Mansfield. A draft will be shown at Sept. meeting. Volunteers for that day: Terry, Vicky, Nancy
 - b. Walktober: Bryan reported that the permits have been acquired. Volunteers needed: Vicky, and Jennifer offered to recruit UConn volunteers through their outreach program. Discussed the planned events- Oct. 15th/raindate 22nd, from 1-3 pm.
 - c. Farm to Table event week of October 3rd. The brand will be "Celebrate Mansfield Grown". The same display from Celebrate Mansfield will be used at Dog Lane Café. Steve Smith will be contacted and an email will be sent to those farmers interested in the event, urging them to work directly with Steve. Promotion- Steve Smith (table tents) and window flyer, each farmer promote it with their customers, Stacey to provide suggestions for content of Tweets and a press release. Promote this at Celebrate Mansfield table.
 - d. Farm to School- A meeting is scheduled with Jiff martin and the new head of food service for Mansfield to lock down details for farm to school in October.
 - e. EDC Connection: The EDC will start farm visits soon. It was suggested that a member of the Ag Comm visit an EDC meeting and report on the Celebrate Mansfield Grown project.

Public Comment: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.